for setting up of a National Judicial Council to look into the allegations of misconduct against the Judges. The proposed National Judicial Council would also be empowered to draw up a Code of Conduct for the Judges. The Bill was examined by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee which has since submitted its report. The Report is being examined.

Land acquired for mining activities in Jharkhand

4071. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Relief and Rehabilitation Policy of Government for those whose land is taken for coal and mining activities in Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government is aware that lakhs of tribals are rendered landless labourers, after the Central Government or the State Governments took their land for mining and other industrial or public activities;

(c) how their rehabilitation is proposed; and

(d) whether Government has the complete data, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) The Government has announced the National Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) Policy, 2007 on 31.10.2007. The policy provides for certain basic minimum requirements for the people who are adversely affected by all the projects, including mining activities, leading to involuntary displacement. The R&R grants and benefits envisaged in the Policy applicable to all Project Affected Families include provision for alternate land, free house, financial assistance, employment etc. The details of R&R Policy are available on the web site of Ministry of Rural Development. Relief and Rehabilitation of land oustees whose land is being taken for coal mining in the State of Jharkhand, is done as per the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy of Coal India Limited. Department of Land Resources has informed that information about the Relief and Rehabilitation of tribals whose land was taken for coal and mining activities in the State of Jharkhand is not maintained.

Objections to Mineral Policy

†4072. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have expressed objections in respect of new mineral policy formulated by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objections of the States;

(c) whether Government had invited suggestions from the concerned States, while formulating the mineral policy;

(d) if so, what suggestions were given by the States; and

(e) the details of the action taken on them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Government had received representation from some states on the new National Mineral Policy, 2008 raising

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.